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1. The petty officer's uniform in the Polish Navy was similar to that of the American seamen's uniform. It was basically the same uniform as that worn by Polish seamen. The material was of navy blue wool. There was no belt. Nine buttons decorated the front of the trousers; three on the fly, and two parallel rows of three buttons on either side of the fly. There were also two buttons on each cuff of the blouse. The undershirt was decorated with a narrow strip of blue around the neck and was partly visible because of the "V" neck of the blouse. Socks were dark grey.
2. On the front of the petty officer's cap the printed words "Marynarka Wojenna" (Navy) appeared.
3. Ratings were on the left arm of the blouse. The specialty ratings (Oznaki Specialnosci) e.g., radioman's badge, etc., were placed directly above the rating stripes. Specialty ratings for men below petty officer first class were worn on the left sleeve; specialty ratings for men higher than petty officer

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second class were worn on both sleeves. All petty officers, regardless of their specialty ratings, were referred to as "bosman" (boatswain).

4. Specialty rating stripes were gold in color, bordered by red. A star of the same colors was worn immediately above this to indicate completion of the particular specialty training course. 25X1

5. Specialty ratings were also indicated by the color of the drawstrings which showed at the bottom of the "V" neck blouses. 25X1

[ ] the following drawstring colors and their significance.

- a. Sky blue: a radioman.
- b. White: someone attending noncommissioned officers' school.
- c. Red: a member of the Naval Coastal Arty. Bn. (Dywizjon Artylerji Nadbrzeznej Marynarki Wojennej).
- d. Dark red: a sapper member.
- e. Yellow: an office clerk.
- f. Black: member of a naval ship's crew. Enlisted members of a naval ship's crew wore the black drawstring regardless of their specialty ratings.

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